

HB 1290 -- ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR THE REGULATION OF HOSPITALS

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to promulgate regulations to establish life safety code standards for licensed hospitals that exclusively reflect the standards imposed by the federal Medicare program under federal laws and regulations. The department is authorized to waive the enforcement of specific life safety code standards for licensed hospitals imposed by these provisions if the department determines that compliance with those specific standards would result in unreasonable hardship for the facility and if the health and safety of hospital patients would not be compromised by the waiver or waivers.

Authority for the department to establish and enforce hospital licensure regulations which conflict with the hospital life safety code standards established must lapse on and after January 1, 2017.

Hospital licensure regulations governing life safety code standards may incorporate by reference later additions or amendments to the rules, regulations, standards, or guidelines as needed to consistently apply current standards of safety and practice.